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NASA business development manager joins Economic Development Authority

Sept. 19 2013 - Michelle Ferebee, manager of the Business Development Office at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, has been sworn in as the newest member of the city's Economic Development Authority.

Appointed by City Council, the authority oversees land sales and development in city business parks and encourages business and commercial ventures throughout Hampton.

Ferebee began her career at NASA in 1983 as a computer scientist working on cutting edge data visualization tools for interpreting scientific information. She has also served as head of the Atmospheric Sciences Data Center and as manager for NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project, which provides a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education services for educators and students.

As head of NASA Langley's business development office, Ferebee is responsible for creating and implementing business development processes and strategic partnerships with colleges, universities and other government organizations.

In addition to her work with the EDA, Ferebee is on the Virginia Living Museum board of trustees, a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., The Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary.

Ferebee received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg. She and her husband, Melvin, live in Hampton. They have three children.

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